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BY WAY OF REPLY TO MR. PAGE. "Blessed be the amending hand,"

reasons advanced by Mr. Page La gislative position are, conlone, forceful. They must other side of the case, and of the amendments will dvantages and disadvantages

nted out on one side and the

line it are thirst place, Mr. Page thinks themative session ought to be ex-Confom sixty to ninety days, bethe meh valuable legislation" has guez, ibstitute less valuable meas-stron seizecfor." Assuming this to be the Cwould not the same defect at-The to a longer session? Time erche essence of the matter in ction, in our opinion; if

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ore the election, we PLIE proponents.

SAVE THE SMITHFIELD HAM.

field Ham" is not, in fact, a Smithfield nam. All the hamp that are sold in Richmond as Smithfield hams are not bacon in the true sense. We are in-

"Smithfield Ham" into disrepute, and there ought to be some way of prevent-Great efforts have been made by the and sophistication of food and drug products, and with very good results imported goods were analyzed last for prosecution. It is as much of

product, is made in a particular way there is no law in Virginia to prevent substitution, the makers of the real Smithfield hams would doubtless it. be able to make a very good case for the Department of Agriculture a Washington, so that at least other markets than our own might be spared

from the deception that is practiced upon them.

THE STATUS OF THE DOG. "Is there not a growing disposition to disregard the limitations which we of things which we wish done, regardss at the start, it could do States Supreme Court, at the meeting question appl; itself to the recent deof the statutes of this State relating the meaning of the statute. With- youd the hundred." eral papers in Virginia and the Spartanburg Herald in South Carolina

> dog was a beast under the meaning These same papers have had a lot to say about the fine qualities of dogs, their value as friends to man, none of which has anybody denied,

should have caused him to rule that a

The case was one in which a man was charged with exposing poison whose owner sought to have the sur rison discharged the prisoner, on the that they did not eat it raw or unground that a dog was not the kind crews v be eligible for re-elec- statute under which the indictment pression," inasmuch as in Virginia the

ed by the liability that intent that it should be taken by any used in Virginia since the Seventeenth ner of revenue would horse, cattle, or other beasts of any Century, and doubtless before there eports as would not im- person." Judge Harrison presented were any Dutch in Pennsylvania, [Spe of re-election. Ineligi- several valid reasons why the statute should not be construed to apply to THE POETICAL TASTES OF THOMAS ous tr' this danger of misfeas. dogs. He knew, as well as all others t Senator Keezell, speak- do who have read the law relating to pied bc order of things before dogs, that there has been from remote the eyes of the law, a domesticated or ling theory of the require- "There is no principle more firmly es better based upon the idea that The on should be accorded to vaw, and that a reasonable strued against the State and favorably to the liberty of the citizen. No man they should be another than the action measures. Incurs a penalty unless the act, which subjects him to it, is clearly within the spirit and letter of the statute, The was designed to check the spirit and letter of the statute, whose such penalty. There can be no constructive offences, and before a man can be punished his case measures no one will demust be plainly and unmistakably as a poet or as one of discriminating within the statute." Here, then, was safety. While some mem. Judge Harrison simply carried out a ed that the Declaration of Indepennot give attention to the principle of legal construction when dence has a marked lyrical quality adings, there are others whose freedom was at stake.

dence before the General dog at common law, no matter how the list of the per may have been "that valuable, was considered property of son read is large. sired to vote upon these the baser sort only. His ewner might Homer, the Greek dramatists, Horace, t our opinion about it is sue for him in a civil court, but the crim- Tasse, Mollere, Shakespeare, Milton, pple" referred to em- inal court regarded him as without Dryden, Pope, Virgil, Dante, Corther persons than the value. No indictment would lie for nellic, Metastasio, Shenstone, Ossian, Mand lawmakers affect- his larceny. In Virginia after the en. Moore, Burns, Byron, Wordsworth dments. If the great actment of the law against malicious Coleridge, Thomas Paine, Montgomery, ing population of Vir- injury to 'property,' in two cases it Southey and Sackville. Ossian informed on these was held that a dog could not be con- "aroused Jewerson's poetic instincts" sidered 'property' in the criminal most thoroughly." He desired to read Ill traverse every plea law, and no indictment would lie for Ossian in the original, and ordered a his malicious injury as such."

In Frederick county, where the case was tried, the Board of Supervisors have decided, as they had a right to do, that the statutes making doss property under certain conditions shall not prevail in that county. It is because of this peculiar local situation that Judge Harrison goes on to say in his decision, "A resident of Frederick, who owns a dog, which he might sell for hundreds of dollars, cannot have his theft pundance and a celebrated Frenchman, General existence, in this fashion, to-wit: and bacon are not Smithfield hams and law now prevails. Money is certainly passages from Ossian with gusto round a punch bowl." everywhere. A chicken worth a quarter is the subject of larceny in Fredworth \$100, is not."

There were other reasons, too numvalid legal reasons; but we hope we in a particular statute. It is not the the statute as he pleases, but in the in the light of former decisions in with the "public common sense" and with the sympathy which every man feels for his dog, it is the Legislature which can change the law, not Judge Harrison.

to law in general, just for the reasons suggested here. Judge Harrison had the weight of the law with him, sound was correct. Yet he has been criticized beneath judicial dignity and propriety for a judge to answer back to see the law changed; but, at the Justice Lurton, inquire into "the limitations we have placed on these in

A VIRGINIA INSTITUTION.

We do not know what the Indians called roasting ears; but there is no question that this was one of the principal articles of diet of the abori his fellow colonists established themselves in this yirgin country. A mar all about, said yesterday that the term was first used in New England; but we pear to show that we were making vened in the country was held in Vir upon Plymouth Rock, and ten years before the Colony of Salem and Boston beasts," a dog is not a beast within increased their meagre numbers be-

In Bruce's Economic History of Vir-173, volume 1, we are told; "The custom which the Indians followed in have attacked the decision and Judge cating their meals was very simple; a Harrison, arguing that common sense mat was spread on the ground, and on fish and the roasting ears being laid near at hand." Again, in the same June, July and August they fed on

The chances are, therefore, that the corn, which was so important an article cooked. We are of the opinion that The words of the statute invoked in fore it was eaten the presumption would be influential in on. The likelihood of fair assessments would be a ly administer or expose poison with care." The term appears to have been

JEFFERSON. Dr. John W. Wayland, of the State Normal School at Harrisonburg, forcontributes a most original and able Dr. Wayland writes. In this volume gentleman, saying: are four hundred and twenty poems To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

a statute of doubtful meaning, and scholar and critic has recently asserthe interpreted it in favor of the man yet in a character so versatile as that of Jefferson we should not draw lim-Again, declared Judge Harrison, "a its too hastily," declares Dr. Wayland.

The list of the poets w.om Jeffer-Gaelle grammar, Gaelle dictionary, and

Smithfield hams. Hogs, that were certain conditions shall not prevail in than money," and adding that to other markets to be sold as "Smith- of dollars, cannot have his theft pun- and a celebrated Frenchman, General ished in the criminal courts. It is the Marquis de Chastellux, were found one evening at Monticello recitifig

Among the many interesting things suggested by Dr. Wayland is in relabook, the subject of which is King George III., an "Ode for His Majesty's Birth-Day, 1804. . . . This ode is a most cordial tribute to the British monarch and affords a pleasant contrast to the catalogue of charges of Independence. Had advancing age Jefferson more charitable? It would seem so; else the hand that penned the have taken the pains to preserve this

Ilton, and Dr. Wayland says of this: "It must have required some magnan- necks and hill billies of his much disimity in the real sense of the term to enable him to give his decided recognition to the popularity of his chief friend of the unfortunate? It is all opponent. It should be observed that public rostrum, with a flourish of trumpets, but in the privacy of the scholar's study, and in a form that Dr. Wayland thus summarises

his conclusions: "Many of the poems have a rollicking humor, and and the judge's silence is mistaken for not a few are charged with pathos. same time, let us, in the words of at the same time outspoken arraignare also given a place. There is maniauthority." Judges administer the fested a decided regard for morals and law; Legislatures make it or change religion. If we are not justified in saying that certain pleces show Jefimaged forth in forms of beauty the offspring of the singing heart, and his

heart made answer." land concludes carries the weight of inference only, nevertheless he has added a very suggestive feature to Monticello. In this article, as well as in his "Political Opinions of Thomas found it expedient to cease daily pubthe law or the facts of the case, sev- ginia in the Seventeenth Century, page Jefferson," Dr. Wayland has made vat

nature that everyday people take an sing at the First Baptist Church yesof the public interests by the men who ers whose pose and affected mannerare elected by the people to administer isms bring much ridicule on them. The the movement for woman suffrage; in the adulteration, so to say, of the Smithfield Ham; in the failure of the City Fathers to provide music in the parks for the stay-at-homes; in the progress of Henry Stuart to victory; in the movements of the Colonel; in the appearance of George Harvey in the appearance of George Harvey in the appearance of Bailinger, in old Taft's trouble with the eel grass; in the advantages of Richmond as a shopping place for all people who want to get the best at the lowest prices; in the erection of tablets to the latest of the movements of the lowest prices; in the erection of tablets to the latest of the movement of the manufacture of the property straight from the advantages of Richmond as a shopping place for all people who want to get the best at the lowest prices; in the erection of tablets to the latest in the erection of tablets to the latest in the erection of tablets to the latest in the movement for woman suffrage; in the advantages of Richmond as a shopping place for all people who want to get the best at the lowest prices; in the erection of tablets to the latest in the movement for the will not blow smoke out of he will, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the will, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the will, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the will, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the will, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the will, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the will, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the brill, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the built, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the built, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the built, in all probability, talk pretty straight from the built, in all probability. Thus substitute and the will to all probability, talk pretty straight from the built the mouth built the m the movement for woman suffrage; in sen by the people makes apt to administer their taway as not to offend way as not to offend way as not to offend the sen by the people makes apt to administer their taway as not to offend white man in the manner of the law with a manner of the law with Judge Harrison.

The movements of the Colonel; in the progress of Henry Stuars to provide music in the parks for the stay-at-homes; in the progress of Henry Stuars to victory; in the progress of Hen in Richmond Pearson's indignation at being nominated for the State Senate; times doubt as to whether a dog is, in merly of the University of Virginia, in the defeat of Cone Johnson for Gov- is announced. We hope that he rests a wild animal. He had this doubt in article to the current number of the and big things that have any sort of mind when he said in his decision, Sewanee Review on the poetic tastes human interest in them. Now comes tures he drew, not that they were very of Thomas Jefferson. A scrapbook a highly esteemed correspondent who in the library of the University of defence of the "Gallus" as a necessary ly stupid, bah Jove, don't ye know. Virginia, furnishes the basis for what and historic part of the aress of the

and, as the gambler said of the sporting life, "is sometimes checkered, but never dull." Long may you live, and more power to you in your exalted profession, whose power for goof is surpassed by no other in the world!

May I say how much I was pleased with your article in Monday's paper. "A Crusade Against the Gallus," and especially that part of it in which you protest against the diseard of the "galluses," commonly called suspen-

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wrote to a newspaper, the name of which I cannot now recall, some years ago, when the sash habit had a brief and existence, in this fashion, to-wit:

"The man who smokes a cigarette I can forgive and may forget; Can overlook the fools who rmash,' assash;"

"In the man who wears as a sash, makers and assal wearers had; It was thought, much to do with the line doing away of the sash habit, the ding away of the sash habit, the mashers are, alas, still with us, and so are the "cud ohewers," as you so happily call the chewing guin devotees happing the dispatch of the standard of the world of the standard of the standard of the subject are obtained and awful times. Where would brave old Ben Tillman be if it had not been for this steady and powerful aid to his overthrow, of the South Carolina Oli-garchy, How would Jeffries Davis ever have emerged from the swamp of Arkansas if he had not been to hang his arguments upon this supporter of his claims to statesmanship; What could he have said to the redneks and hill billies of this much disgraced State without this ready reference to the fact that he was the friend of the subject of the file of the friend of the friend of the subject are obtained the friend of Independence. Had advancing ago and awful times. Where would brave and the triumph of his cause made old Ben Tillman be if it had not been fierce arraignment of '76 would hardly garchy? How would Jeffries Davis . Jefferson also clipped some elegiac to hang his arguments upon this supporter of his claims to statesmanship?
What could he have said to the rednecks and hill billies of his much disgraced State without this ready reference to the fact that he was the friend of the unfortunate? It is all well enough for Senator Bailey, of Texas, to wear the sash, if he want to; but we can well believe that our correspondent should stick to the Old Reliable and never failing suspender of his trousers till all the defenders of the rights of the plain people have been driven to the wall and compelled to ante for the benefit of the protected manufacturers of the aristocratic sash, a thing that looks well always on a thing that looks well always on a

Spare the Gallus, never!

Hoose, in his impressive simplicity of

ernor of Texas; in all the little things well; but do not understand exactly of Thomas Jenerson. A state of

inians voted in North Carolina in close contests.

The death of Edward Linley Sambourne, the chief cartoonist of Punch is announced. We hope that he rests well; but do not understand exactly how he can after some of the pictures he drew, not that they were verybad in themselves or in their execution; but that they were so frightfully stupid, bah Jove, don't ye know.

A Forty-second Street (New York) dealer in second-hand books says that "there is little demand for the writings of Theodore Roosevelt. Occasionally some one calls for his hunting stories, but I doubt if his 'Navai History of the War of 1812' has been a sked for in my store twice in the last year. Just now I have two sets of his 'Winning of the West,' and they have been on the shelves for months. One of his books that is sought for by collectors is one that its general public knows little about. It is as small pamphiet on the birds of Oyster Bay, and was written when the former President was avery young man. It has been out of print for many years." That is very interesting in a way. The only Roosevelt book that anybody wants is the one that is out of print. Probably the Forty-seconal Street dealer might be able to work down his stock by sending it to the Colored Fair in Richmend. Any-resident was send for the Colored Fair in Richmend. Any-resident was sell on the Colored Fair in Richmend. Any-resident was sell on the Colored Fair in Richmend. Any-resident was sell to the colored Fair in Richmend. Any-resident was sell on the Colored Fair in Richmend. Any-resident was sell on the Colored Fair in Richmend. Any-resident was sell on the Colored Fair in Richmend. Any-resident was sell to the courts, insisting that neither Ada. Lady the courts, insisting that neither Ada. Lady wansel, nor Nye, was a fit person to define head of a number of years maintained at her axpense. are four hundred and twenty poems clipped from newspapers, on subjects franging from an "Ode on Potatoes" to "The Mansion of Rest."

"It is probable that the third President has but seldom been thought of as a poet or as one of discriminating poetical tastes, though a certain poetical tastes, though a certain to the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir.—Permit me first to thank you dealer in second-hand books says that "there is little demand for the writteness, which is the first part of the paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first part of the sport paper to which I then first paper to which I then first part of the paper to w

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